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4 Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,  
5 Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,  
6 McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,  
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley  
8 and Williams  
9 RFD:  
10 First Read: 15-MAR-12

COMMENDING OCTAVIA SPENCER FOR WINNING AN ACADEMY  
AWARD FOR BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are hereby extended to Ms. Octavia Spencer, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, for her role as Minny, the outspoken maid in the 2011 film, "The Help," for which she received an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress; and

WHEREAS, in her gracious and emotional acceptance of the award, Ms. Spencer proudly recognized her Alabama connection, and became only the second Native Alabamian to win an Academy Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer graduated in 1988, from Jefferson Davis High School in Montgomery, Alabama, where she was a member of the drama club, and received a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from Auburn University where she majored in English and double minored in journalism and theater; and

1                   WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer paid her dues working behind  
2 the scenes as a member of the production crew on  
3 Made-in-Alabama films "Tom and Huck," "The Grass Harp," and  
4 "Cobb" before she earned a speaking part with Sandra Bullock  
5 in "A Time to Kill"; and

6                   WHEREAS, while making "A Time to Kill," Spencer  
7 became friends with Mississippi filmmaker Tate Taylor, who  
8 introduced her to "The Help" author Kathryn Stockett, a  
9 University of Alabama graduate; and

10                  WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer has appeared in the movies  
11 "Being John Malkovich," "Big Momma's House," "Spider Man,"  
12 "Bad Santa," "Coach Carter," "Miss Congeniality 2," "Seven  
13 Pounds," "The Soloist," and "Dinner for Schmucks," as well as  
14 numerous television series; and

15                  WHEREAS, for her portrayal of the feisty and  
16 unflappable Minny Jackson in "The Help," Ms. Spencer was  
17 recognized with the 2012 Golden Globe and a BAFTA for Best  
18 Supporting Actress for her Performance, culminating in her  
19 winning the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress; and

20                  WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer indeed brings pride and honor  
21 to the State of Alabama, and is deserving of the highest  
22 praise for her accomplishments; now therefore,

23                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and  
25 commend Ms. Octavia Spencer, a native of Montgomery, Alabama,  
26 for her signature accomplishment in winning an Academy Award

1 and for her distinguished body of work in theater, and it is  
2 directed that a copy of this resolution be provided to her  
3 with our sincere tribute and praise.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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9 I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
10 originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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17 House of Representatives

18 Adopted: 20-MAR-12

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21 By: Senator Ross